



Timely Tidbits ...

Get H1N1 Flu Shots

The Wayne County Department of Public Health has announced that vaccines for the so-called Swine Flu are now available, with top priority going to certain groups like pregnant women, children and young adults, older adults with other health problems, emergency responders, and health-care workers. For more information, see the article on page 4.

Groundbreaking Set for Romulus Animal Shelter

The City of Romulus has announced that it will break ground on a new, state-of-the-art animal shelter funded by the Tax Increment Finance Authority and community donations at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, at the site of the new facility (Wayne Road, just north of the existing Department of Public Works). The new 5,700-square-foot facility will replace a smaller, dilapidated building that could no longer keep pace with the growing needs of local neighborhoods and families.

"This new animal shelter will improve the quality of life for our families by offering more space, cleaner surroundings, and up-to-date amenities," said Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "We want to make sure we provide quality service to Romulus families, and care for lost pets and strays in clean, comfortable, and humane surroundings."

"This shelter has been a tremendous community project from Day One," Lambert added, "and I applaud Councilman William Wadsworth, who led this project and got it off the ground. Projects like the new animal shelter show that Romulus citizens are working hard, and coming together every day to find ways – big and small – to make our community better."

Wadsworth spearheaded a fund drive that collected donations and other charitable giving for the new animal shelter. His six-year effort raised more than \$145,000 in cash, collected through private donations and a wide range of community events and programs like Bingo, bowling nights, and projects organized by local schoolchildren. □

Questionnaire Elicits Treasurer Candidates' Views



Pamela Morrison-Kersey

To help voters decide whom they will support in the City of Romulus general election on November 3, *the little paper* distributed a questionnaire to the candidates for treasurer. Altogether, the candidates were asked for *specific* responses to four questions, some of which were deliberately general in subject matter to give everyone a chance to focus on the issues of their choice. Personal data was also solicited to give voters some idea about each candidate's background, experience, and knowledge of/dedication to the community.

The questions were:

1. Everyone understands that a candidate's campaign platform is composed of many planks, but what *single issue* is your *top priority* as you seek election as Treasurer of the City of Romulus? Why is it so important to you, and what do you plan to do to promote it, if elected?
2. What services currently provided by the Treasurer's office need the most improvement? Do you have plans to expand the level and/or types of services offered? How would you implement these improvements within a reasonable budget?
3. What, in your view, is the Treasurer's role in promoting overall fiscal responsibility in City government?
4. What makes you the *best* person for the job?

Pamela Morrison-Kersey

Age: 53

Education: Romulus High School graduate (1974); Western Michigan University graduate (bachelor's degree, business administration); former Central Michigan University student; Treasurers Institute graduate (conferred the title of Certified Municipal Financial Administrator); Certified Municipal Clerk

Occupation: City Treasurer for past 12 years

Military Service: N/A

Community service performed in the past 12 months: coordinated a Treasurer's Office "Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving" program; participated in a Muscular Dystrophy lockup to raise money for the City of Romulus; volunteered to assist senior citizens with preparing Homestead Property Tax Credit and Home Heating Credit forms; volunteered with the Romulus Goodfellows; supported a local church youth scholarship program; received a certificate of appreciation for valuable service and contributions to children from a local school (2009); participated in Delta Sigma Theta, a public-service sorority; served as treasurer of the Downtown Development Authority

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 53

Contact information:

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pamelakersey@gmail.com

Campaign Web site: (no response)

QUESTION #1 (top priority)

My primary plank is to continue to serve the citizens of Romulus with experienced management during these tough economic times. I prepared myself by becoming abreast of the current laws, rules, and regulations. I am in the process of introducing the latest technology that can enable citizens to automate all payments, including those made with citizen application submittals, reviews and approvals, and renewals online.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

Automated service will allow citizens to make payments at convenient stores of their choice. This service will not increase our budget; it will take place through current Automatic Bill Payment and Electronic Check Payment.

QUESTION #3 (role in promoting fiscal responsibility)

The Treasurer's office promotes overall fiscal responsibility by collecting, disbursing, and investing taxpayers' funds in compliance with State, County, and Local laws and deadlines. The Treasurer's office is responsible for reconciling the entire City tax roll with Wayne County, and also assists in preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Audit Report, as required by the State of Michigan.

QUESTION #4 (best person for the job)

During these difficult times, experience matters to maintain and increase City



Stacy Paige

services. I am a proven leader who has demonstrated commitment and dedication to my job as City Treasurer. I have an experienced Deputy and staff who provide excellent customer service. The City of Romulus credit rating increased in 2009, despite today's tough economy. I have 26 years' experience at the City of Romulus, and have enhanced all skills necessary to allow me to better serve the citizens. The citizens can depend on me to provide the most highly innovative services for their convenience.

I am a lifelong Romulus resident with the experience, education, and knowledge to continue to serve "all the people ... all the time."

Stacy Paige

Age: 36

Education: Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Teacher Education; Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems; Romulus High School, Class of '91

Occupation: Administrative Assistant at Halecreek Elementary School in Romulus (9 years)

Military Service: None

Community service performed in the past 12 months: My community service includes working with my church, Romulus Wesleyan, Romulus Goodfellows, Romulus Senior Center, Romulus Little League, Romulus Flyers, and Romulus Democratic Club

Number of years as a Romulus resident: 29 years

Contact information:

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electspaige@comcast.net

Campaign Web site:

www.sapaige.com

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In the last four years, I stood for, and still support, legislations that strengthen our school system and our Police and Fire Departments. I fought and continue to fight against injection wells and airport expansion that negatively impacts the Romulus Community. I am a strong advocate for services and support for persons with disabilities.

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734-955-4569, ext.7105

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- Board Member:
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Meals on Wheels Wayne County
Wayne County Family Health Center
- Former Member:
Romulus Schools Finance Committee
- Member:
Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
Rotary
NAACP
A Few Good Men, Cory School
Romulus Democratic Club

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- Local 64 AFSCME (Romulus School Employees)
- IAFF Local 4126 (Romulus Fire Fighters)
- UAW Region 1A, Rory Gamble, Director (United Auto Workers)
- Mayor Alan Lambert, City of Romulus
- U.S. Congressman John Dingell
- State Representative Doug Geiss
- Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano
- Wayne County Commissioner Ed Boike, Jr. (Chairman)
- Cheryle Buckley, Romulus School Board
- Tom Kuderik, Romulus School Board
- Danielle Funderburg, Romulus School Board
- Tom Ellis, Former Liaison to Mayor Lambert
- Herb Buckley, Co-Campaign Manager
- Ken Noble, Co-Campaign Manager
- Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Former Asst. Supt., Romulus Schools

EXPERIENCED AND PREPARED

- Graduate, Western Michigan University, BBA (Business Administration, majoring in Marketing)
- Held leadership positions in varied community and political organizations in Ohio and Michigan
- Held responsible managerial and sales positions with Ford Motor Company, Moen Faucets, and Barden Cable Company
- Held three assignments with Wayne County: Marketing Director of Wayne County Plus Care, Director of Marketing for Healthchoice, and current position as Executive Assistant, Community Outreach, for County Executive Robert A. Ficano

DEDICATED FAMILY MAN

- Married 33 years to wife Janice, a Parent-Teacher Volunteer Coordinator at Cory Elementary and Romulus Middle School
- Raised 3 children
- 33-year Romulus resident

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- Return trust and transparency to City government
- Residents always come first
- Never forget I work for the people
- Control spending to balance the budget
- Once elected, I will take a pay cut
- Strong religious ties and family values
- Board membership, Michigan Superior Court for Foster Care Review
- Member, Chamber of Commerce
- Spokesperson for National Kidney Foundation
- Treasurer, Cory Elementary PTC
- Member, Romulus Community of Parents Who Care
- Married for 21 years to wife Carmelita
- Father of 4, grandfather of 2

Re-Elect ★ ★ ★ LeRoy D. Burcroff Romulus City Council



Dear Citizens,
It would be a privilege to continue to serve on our City Council. I will do my best to represent you fairly and honestly.

Your Vote is important and I sincerely ask for your support.

Thank you,
LeRoy Burcroff

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- ✓ State Representative Doug Geiss
- ✓ Huron Trustee David Glabb

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EVA WEBB

Romulus City Council

November 3rd

In these troubled economic times, Romulus residents have the right to know that their City Council members will make the wisest use of their tax dollars. As your Councilwoman, I will see that City services are efficiently delivered to all our residents, your tax dollars are spent wisely, and citizens' concerns are heard and acted upon.

**On November 3, 2009, Vote for Eva Webb:
"Your Choice and Your Voice for City Council."**

DEDICATED TO OUR COMMUNITY:

- Romulus Deputy City Clerk (retired)
- Member, Romulus Emergency Management Team
- Fought against the Toxic Deep Well from the beginning
- Member, Police, Fire & Safety Commission
- Former City of Romulus Pension Secretary
- Member, Downtown Development Authority Council
- Member, the Romulus Goodfellows
- Pumpkin Festival Volunteer
- Former member, Boys & Girls Club Advisory Committee
- Sunday School Teacher, New Hope Church

ENDORSEMENTS:

- UAW Region 1A
- AFL-CIO Operating Engineers, Local 324 (PAC)
- The Romulus Democratic Club
- Romulus Firefighters, Local 4126



Talking with Seniors



Congressman John Dingell and Eva



Swearing in of Police Officers

For more information: eva-webb@att.net

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- Michigan AFSCME Council Local 25
- Romulus Goodfellows, Flyers, and Little League
- Wayne Co. Sheriff AFL-CIO Local 502 and 3317
- National Union Police Officers
- Romulus Chamber of Commerce
- Romulus Police Officers Association
- Metro Airport Firefighters Local 741
- Pumpkin Festival Bingo Chairman

Education:

- Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice, Henry Ford Community College
- Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice, Madonna College

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ELECT LINDA CHOATE
for Romulus City Council – November 3rd

EXPERIENCED and QUALIFIED

- Employed 8 years with the City of Romulus Clerk's Office
- Elected to 7 two-year terms and 3 four-year terms as City Clerk
- Past President/member, Association of Wayne County Clerks
- Past Treasurer/member, Michigan Clerks Association

STABILITY and COMMITMENT

- Married to Kenneth for 52 years
- Mother of 2, grandmother of 6
- Romulus resident for 47 years

ENDORSEMENTS

- UAW Region 1A
- Romulus Democratic Club



VOTE NOVEMBER 3rd

I will retire at the end of this term after serving 26 years with integrity and dignity as Clerk for the City of Romulus. I have the experience, knowledge, and qualifications to provide Council with a high level of service from day one.

I thank you for the support and trust you have given me in the past, and I request your support and your vote one more time on November 3rd. With your vote, you can rest assured that I will be dedicated to the Office of City Council, and committed to the future of the City of Romulus.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Linda Choate

Wayne County Department of Public Health To Distribute H1N1 Vaccine



Kate Guzman (right), Wayne County Field Services nurse, gave Captain Robert Arbini of the Westland Fire Department one of the first H1N1 vaccines administered in Michigan. Photo by Jonathan Restum

The Wayne County Department of Public Health (WCDPH) has received both the H1N1 nasal mist and the injectable vaccine, according to a statement released last week. *The nasal mist will not be distributed to the general public; it will be supplied only to emergency preparedness and health-care professionals.* The H1N1 vaccine will be offered, free of charge, through the County's Redford, Taylor, and Wayne clinics (see sidebar, right), as well as at walk-in events scheduled on various Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following sites:

- Hamtramck High School Community Center (11350 Charest) – October 24;
- Hamtramck High School (11410 Charest) – November 14;
- Schoolcraft Community College (18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia) – November 14 and December 5;
- Huron High School (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) – November 21 and December 12; and
- Lincoln Park High School (1701 Champaign Road) – December 19 and January 9, 2010.

The H1N1 vaccine, administered by injection, is recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for five targeted groups:

- pregnant women;
- persons who live with or provide care for children less than 6 months of age;
- individuals 6 months to 24 years of age;
- adults 25 to 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions; and
- essential personnel (policemen, firemen, etc.) and health-care workers.

"Priority will be given to vaccinating the H1N1 at-risk groups according to CDC guidelines," said Loretta V. Davis, WCDPH Director/Health Officer, who explained that Wayne County's vaccination plan is geared to providing the vaccine to targeted groups first to ensure there is an adequate supply.

Davis added, "In addition to Wayne County offering the vaccine, distribution strategies to provide H1N1 vaccinations to residents will include utilizing clinical community partner agencies such as private

physicians, health systems, and pharmacies; community-based health organizations like Federally qualified health centers, and supporting schools and school districts that identify a need to open school-based vaccination clinics."

In anticipation of receiving the H1N1 flu vaccine, the WCDPH has been meeting weekly since July as part of an H1N1 steering committee designed to develop, test, and solidify a strategic plan to administer the vaccine to Wayne County residents this fall and winter. The committee consists of public health and emergency management specialists who are working with community partners to ensure that an effective distribution plan is in place.

"We are confident that ... our Public Health team is well prepared for the 2009-2010 H1N1 vaccination season," stated Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "The County is prepared to roll out its vaccination plan, and encourages individuals in the at-risk targeted H1N1 groups to receive the shot as early as possible to protect themselves and their families."

In September, Wayne County public health clinics began offering the seasonal flu vaccine earlier than usual in preparation for arrival of the H1N1 vaccine. The department also held a community seasonal flu clinic in Ecorse on October 3 to serve as a practice drill for H1N1 mass vaccinations. About 200 residents received flu shots that day. To date, more than 2,500 residents have received the seasonal flu vaccine.

Medical experts advise that certain individuals should not/cannot get flu shots. These include:

- people allergic to eggs or the flu vaccine;
- those who have had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past;
- people who have previously developed Guillain-Barré syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot; and
- those who have a fever.

Meanwhile, Wayne County continues to stress preventive measures such as proper hand washing and proper cough and sneeze etiquette to prevent the spread of seasonal

and H1N1 flu. County Executive Ficano also kicked off a "Wayne County Wash Your Hands" public awareness campaign in September. "Wayne County Wash Your Hands" decals, outlining the proper way to wash one's hands, have been distributed to Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport and other County facilities, local schools, and more than 5,000 restaurants and businesses for placement in employee and public restrooms. Business establishments that are frequented by the public, but have not received a free decal, may get one by calling 734-727-7400.

"We can't stress enough the importance of disease prevention measures that everyone can follow when it comes to preventing the spread of flu-like viruses," said Ficano.

Citizens are urged to heed the following prevention guidelines.

- Individuals with respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, body aches, or diarrhea and vomiting should see their doctor.
- Sick individuals should stay home from work or school to avoid spreading possible infections.
- Avoid contact with people who cough or appear ill, and cover your mouth or nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; dispose of the tissue in the trash following use.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water and/or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) to prevent and lessen the spread of illness.
- Practice "social distancing" by keeping a safe distance from others.

For more information concerning seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccinations, call the WCDPH (734-727-7000) or its 24-hour flu information line (734-727-7163), or visit www.waynecounty.com and click the link for H1N1/Seasonal Flu information.

Get H1N1 Flu Shots

H1N1 Flu shots are being priority targeted to high-risk groups (see story, left) at the following locations:

- **Redford** (17421 Telegraph Rd.; 313-537-1708) – *by appointment only* Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Taylor** (26650 Eureka Rd.; 734-955-3900) – *walk in* Mon. & Thurs., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; *by appointment only* Tues. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wed., 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Wayne** (33030 Van Born Rd.; 734-727-7100) – *walk in* Mon. & Thurs., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; *by appointment only* Tues. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wed., 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

Firefighters Union Endorses Lambert, Burcroff

Dear voters:

On behalf of the Romulus Professional Firefighters (IAFF L-4126), I would like to express our need to support and re-elect Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Councilman LeRoy Burcroff. Our Union has worked with the current Mayor to make great strides in advancing the Fire Department. Some major advancements include the hiring of new firefighters in 2003 and providing 24/7 full-time staffing, three new transport capable rescue trucks, two fire engines, and a new high-tech SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) system to increase life safety; additionally, we are in the process of increasing the quality of care to our fine residents, and feel the need to keep the momentum going.

As some of you may know, after any plans are made, they must be approved by the City Council, and Mr. Burcroff, knowing the safety of the citizens is a priority,

has been an advocate for approving better equipment and resources. Our Local is also involved with several charities and charity events. Councilman Burcroff has shown his support for these events numerous times. Our Local has endorsed several other candidates, but these two candidates have gone above and beyond, and we would like to see them continue their fight for your safety and ours.

Sincerely,

Michael Wojtylko, Jr.

President, L-4126

John Fauls, Jr.

Secretary, L-4126

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New Health Center in Taylor Caters to the Uninsured, Underinsured

Uninsured? Underinsured? These are disturbing health questions for many residents of Taylor and the surrounding area. Fortunately, the opening of a new Western Wayne Family Health Center may provide a happy answer.

Located in the Taylor Human Services Center (26650 Eureka Road, Suite C), the new health clinic provides the entire family – toddlers to seniors – with comprehensive services that include primary and preventive care, immunizations, routine health exams, preventive dental care, internal medicine, and more.

If you are uninsured, you're eligible for services. Depending on household income, you may qualify for a discount of up to 90% on a sliding fee scale.

If you are underinsured, you are only responsible for your usual deductible co-pay and other charges that insurance doesn't cover. If you are a Medicare subscriber, the \$100 deductible is waived.

A Federal prescription discount program is available for those who qualify.

Call Western Wayne Family Health Centers (734-941-4991) weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for more information. □



Among those on hand for the Grand Opening ribbon-cutting at the new Western Wayne Family Health Center in Taylor were: (from left) Linda Atkins (WWFHC CEO), Jacklyn Molner (Chairwoman, Taylor City Council), Senator Debbie Stabenow, Pete Bergeron (WWFHC Chairman), Brian Connolly (President/CEO, Oakwood Healthcare), and Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe.

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- **implement efficient use of resources to reduce cost of services.**
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***"I am confident that you will find my strengths, abilities and experiences instrumental as we 'Turn a new Paige.'"** – Stacy Paige*

- Romulus resident over 28 years (Romulus High School, Class of '91)
- Married, three children
- Master of Education, Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems
- Employee of Romulus Community Schools
- Eleven years in the banking industry, with an emphasis on check loss and fraud prevention
- Active member of: Romulus Wesleyan Church, Romulus Chamber of Commerce, Romulus Democratic Club, Romulus Little League Sports

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Heritage Park Show Featured Exotic Animals



Enjoying the recent return of the Whispering Pines exotic animal show to Taylor's Heritage Park was Carson Sollars, age 6, who was enthralled as he watched a goat eat from his hand. Carson's dad, Taylor City Councilman Rick Sollars, held the excess feed, and his mom, Alicia Sollars, captured the moment with her camera. The popular family event also featured face-painting, camel rides, and a menagerie of animals from kangaroos to zebras.

Housing Investment Fund Created

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has announced the creation of the Michigan Affordable Housing Investment Fund, a new program that will allow MSHDA to encourage local banks and other financiers to support the development and preservation of affordable rental housing in the state through the end of 2010.

Now through December 31, 2010, MSHDA may deposit up to \$250,000 with any Michigan regulated financial institution making a new investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) related to a MSHDA-financed project. A participating bank investing in LIHTCs already receives an opportunity for a return on the LIHTC investment and potential Community Reinvestment Act credit for the investments. This new program adds the prospect of receiving MSHDA deposits as a result of the investment.

The program is part of a broad effort by MSHDA to improve the state's rental housing stock, make housing costs more affordable, rebuild cities and create jobs.

"Affordable housing and keeping and attracting jobs are major concerns to Americans across the nation," said MSHDA executive director Keith Molin. "Michigan is moving forward to help employers, developers, lenders, and families plan strategies as we create more successful communities."

Under the terms of the Michigan Community Fund, participating banks can directly invest in a stand-alone MSHDA-financed development or in an LIHTC investment fund that is investing in MSHDA financed developments. An investment in either the 4% or 9% LIHTC program will be eligible for MSHDA deposits. The properties must be located within the state of Michigan.

The plan requires all participating banks to be a financial institution:

- fully licensed to conduct business in the state of Michigan;
- holding any and all applicable certifications of compliance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Truth in Lending Act, and any other federal or state regulation related to the lawful operation of the financial institution; and
- whose deposits are FDIC insured; and
- whose minimum participation is \$250,000.

The MSHDA deposit:

- shall be evidenced by a newly created investment account in the form of a Certificate of Deposit or similar instrument which shall provide for a market rate of return on the investment;
- shall have a negotiable maturity date specified in the Certificate of Deposit or other document with no guarantee of renewal; and
- shall be in an amount not to exceed the applicable FDIC insurance limit (presently \$250,000 per depositor); and
- shall explicitly state that it is not, and shall under no circumstances be, considered as collateral for any LIHTC or Authority related investment made by the Participating Bank.

"While MSHDA is heavily engaged in and supports all efforts to invest in Michigan communities and housing, LIHTC investments come with attendant financial, market, and operational risks," Molin said. "Participating banks should invest with an understanding of these risks and the understanding that MSHDA is not assuming or insuring against this risk as a part of any agreement related to a bank deposit." □

Re-Elect

Pamela Morrison-Kersey ROMULUS CITY TREASURER



My commitment to public service is stronger than ever. As your treasurer, I have taken an active leadership role within the City of Romulus. Some of my accomplishments are:

- Supported construction of new senior center and streetlights
- Spearheaded tower clock for City of Romulus DDA district
- Implemented system to allow property taxes to be paid by credit card, automatic bill payment, and electronic check
- Continued homestead property tax services for senior citizens
- Earning and protecting revenue, which helps to support city programs

- Endorsed by UAW
- Endorsed by Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council Union
- Endorsed by Romulus Democratic Club

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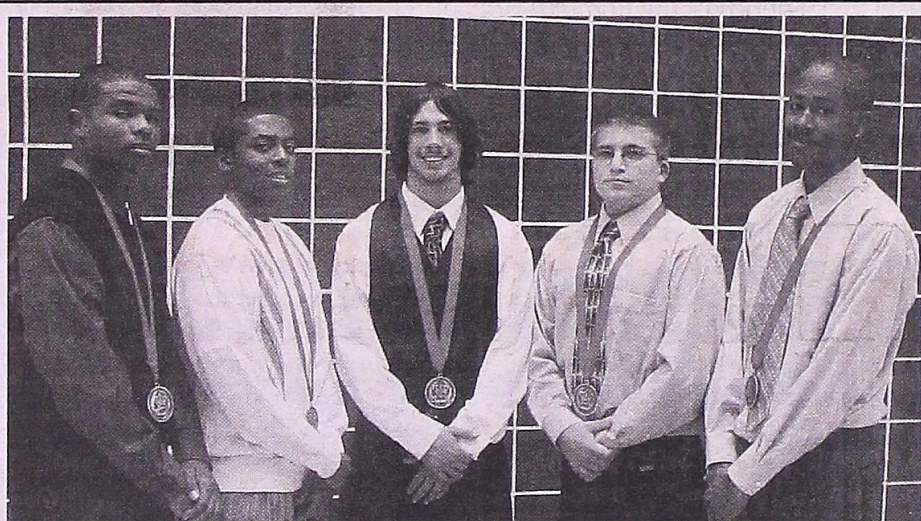
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- Committed and connected to Romulus citizens

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RHS Homecoming



Romulus High School's annual parade on October 16 wrapped up a week of pre-Homecoming events like court elections, dress-up days, and a pep rally. Although the freshman class won the Greek mythology-themed float competition with its "Cerberus" entry (see above), it was the seniors whose overall enthusiasm captured the coveted Spirit Jug. The Eagles' 40-2 blow-out victory against Garden City later that night was a big thrill for everyone. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*



Michael Statham (center) was elected Homecoming King from a court made up of (from left) Demetri Clanton, Derrick Stewart, Ryan McLachlan, and D'Mario Ellis. *Photo by Ellen Craig-Bragg.*



Sheila Watts (center) was chosen Queen from among (from left) Rola Emanuel, Erica Hayes, Ashley Wagle, and Brianna Shreve. *Photo by Ellen Craig-Bragg*

HALLOWEEN

Safety Tips



FOR KIDS

- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
- Be cautious of animals & strangers.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see & be seen easily.
- Visit homes that you know & that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door & never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, & be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, & sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires & candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. Don't eat candy if the package is open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, & low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (Remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, & brooms, too!)

FOR PARENTS

- Child should know his/her phone number & address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip & fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft & flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with & are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures are easily missed.

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Alan R. Lambert,
Mayor

Despite Tough Times, Solid Leadership Keeps Romulus Strong

These are hard economic times – as we already know. We witness it every day in the news, or by simply talking with a friend or family member who may be struggling.

Even during these difficult times, the City of Romulus is blessed to have financial stability. We have worked very hard to preserve that stability. Romulus is doing more with less, and getting positive results that are helping us not only get through

these tough times, but even create jobs and new opportunities.

As your Mayor, I built an administrative team of experienced professionals. When taking office in 2001, one of my many goals was to provide a much needed athletic center for our residents and a proper facility for our senior citizens. Under my leadership, we were able to build the Romulus Senior Center and the Romulus Athletic Center – both of which are state-of-the-art facilities that were built and continue to operate without increasing your taxes, as I promised.

We have continued to repair roads, improve our parks, and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our Police and Fire Departments, making our residents and neighborhoods safe. Under my administration, the Romulus Police Department is one of three in southeast Michigan to receive grant funding that will be used to hire three new police officers. Even in some of the toughest financial times our area has faced in its history, we have balanced the budget without laying off a single employee or reducing your City services.

We continue to develop meaningful working relationships with County, State and Federal legislators. This was most evident when I brought together leaders and citizens from neighboring communities, and successfully stood up to the Wayne County Airport Authority when it tried to build a runway it didn't need, and which would have unnecessarily condemned entire neighborhoods and hurt our economy and quality of life.

Despite our opposition to the Airport on this issue, Romulus continues to work with its leaders on mutually beneficial projects, including the landmark Aerotropolis agreement that will bring new opportunities and jobs to our community. Preliminary projections reflect that over 60,000 jobs will be created, adding another \$10 billion to the region annually.

And we continue to find innovative ways to save taxpayer dollars, such as investing in energy efficiency programs that have already saved taxpayers more than \$530,000 and will save more than \$3.2 million by 2020.

Our eyes are also fixed on the future. I am forming a new "Financial Task Force" in the City of Romulus. I envision this new "Rebuild Romulus" effort as a think tank with participation from the City administration, City Council, residents, business leaders, School Board officials, and religious leaders from our community to begin planning for ways to keep our community strong into the future.

Every day, my team and I are fighting tirelessly to bring new investments, jobs, and opportunities to our community, while saving taxpayer dollars.

This year, Romulus also won a critical victory in a 20-plus-year fight against dangerous hazardous waste wells that put our families and economy at risk, thanks to the tireless work and engagement of citizens and community groups, as well as the tremendous efforts of Romulus residents and elected officials.

Since I took office as Mayor, Romulus has attracted nearly 3,000 new jobs and protected more than 4,000 existing ones from being outsourced. This past year, we attracted nearly \$2 million in Federal stimulus funds that will fix our roads and bridges and put people back to work.

The job is far from over. There is still much more we must do and finish, from continuing to beautify and strengthen local neighborhoods, to rebuilding our downtown, to attracting high-tech, good-paying jobs of the 21st century.

I began my public service as a Romulus City Councilman in 1981. I continued my public service as a Romulus Police Officer for 14 years, and served on the Romulus Board of Education. Through my tenure as Mayor, I remain committed to fighting hard for Romulus families and for our future together.

I am honored to serve as Mayor, and will be honored if citizens will give me the opportunity to serve another term and build on our proven record together, so we can continue to shine into the next decade.

Sincerely,

Mayor Alan R. Lambert

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- Member, Romulus Democratic Club
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MAYOR LAMBERT DISTORTS THE TRUTH

Lambert compared to Monica Conyers by Editorial in the Detroit Free Press — March 30, 2009

1. *Taking care of himself and friends at the expense of residents*

Several similarities can be drawn between Lambert's Administration and a recent administration in the City of Detroit.

It all started with an SUV... the Chevy Yukon (and all of the fuel it can handle) being paid for by the City of Romulus for personal use by the Lambert homestead. If it ended here, one could call it irresponsible, but probably let it rest. The unfortunate fact is that political appointees currently have a similar perk. This type of perk screams of arrogance in difficult financial times.

The Mayor and two of his political appointees make over \$100,000 including salary and benefits, and many appointees have seen raises in the double digits in recent years. In a City of Romulus wage study for appointed officials, the Economic Development Director was found to be far overpaid. No action was taken by the Mayor to correct the situation. As the City bleeds jobs and population, the perks of executive staff keep increasing. City-owned resources and our taxes should be used for the benefit of Romulus taxpayers, not for the personal gain of politicians and their friends.

2. *Where is his loot?*

Making deals at the expense of the City is now the norm. The Mayor claims that Pinnacle Race Track was a project between Huron Township and Wayne County. The fact is, Pinnacle owns land in both Romulus and Huron Township. The project could have been located in Romulus, but was not.

This seems like a bad break for Romulus, but at least the Mayor was able to profit. After Huron Township was selected for the project, the Mayor's fiancée was given the security contract for the facility. A behind-closed-doors deal with Pinnacle for personal gain (or loot)? It sure sounds like it. The City has contracted with a private management firm for the Romulus Athletic Club. His fiancée is also handling security services at that facility! Mayor Lambert did not contest any of these statements in his "fact sheet."

Lambert makes it sound like all of these occurrences are over his head, like they were all chance happenings. The personal profit coming from these facilities is documented. Mr. Mayor, playing dumb will no longer suffice.

3. *Impotent on the economic development front*

No IKEA, no VISTEON, no PINNACLE RACE TRACK, equates to no LEADERSHIP!

IKEA was not lost due to demographics. Visteon was not lost by the Oakley Administration. They were lost because a lack of professionalism in the Economic Development Team did not land those deals.

Mayor Lambert is soft on the facts. In his recent "fact sheet," the Mayor provides several reasons for business not locating in Romulus. He is unable to site new businesses that have located within the City, and conveniently fails to mention those that have left.

The Mayor has been soft on development since taking office. His claim of the creation of nearly 3,000 new jobs is exaggerated, as many of these positions are in the airport (Wayne County jurisdiction) with minimal tax revenue coming to the City. The Mayor also fails to mention job losses in his "fact sheet." The real fact is that the Mayor is going to run out of ways to shift taxpayer dollars. There will be cuts in service or there will be higher residential taxes.

Having the Police Department (speed traps) act as one of the major sources of revenue within the City is a dangerous strategy. It deters visitors, unfairly punishes residents going to and from work, hinders development, and is an unstable source of revenue, at best.

Economic Development tools have been manipulated to provide political gain for the Administration. TIFA funds have been used by the Mayor to erect a dog pound. Even though there are no plans or blueprints, the Mayor will be headlining a groundbreaking shortly before Election Day.

We do know one thing ... the Mayor is not soft on celebrities like George Clooney. When the Police are ordered to run down celebrities at the Mayor's pleasure, it hinders potential filming in the City of Romulus.

4. *Airport Issues*

The Mayor has claimed that there is no contract that gives the airport the right to build a fifth runway if airport traffic increases by 3%. Make no mistake; there is an agreement in place giving the airport the authority to construct this runway if traffic increases by 3%. With the potential for Willow Run Airport to shutter operations, this could happen sooner rather than later. Again, our rights were not protected as residents!

Eight years of no attempt at getting our fair share of taxes from the airport. Do we really want four more years of Romulus receiving nothing?

5. *Potential for a new start*

Harry Crout, candidate for Mayor, has offered to take a \$20,000 pay cut as Mayor. He will fight to protect the rights of senior citizens and citizens with disabilities, and will fight to bring growth to the City through jobs, shopping, and new business. Crout has served on the Romulus City Council, been a member of UAW Local 735 for 42 years, served as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, and is a Belleville Moose member. He brings the necessary ethical values needed for the City in these difficult times.



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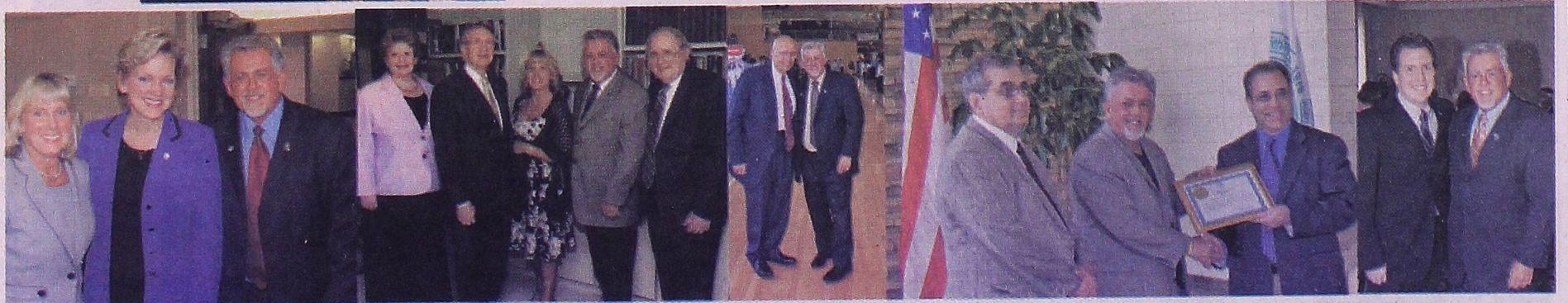
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- ✓ IAFF Local 4126 - Romulus Firefighters
- ✓ IAFF Local 741 - WC Airport Authority Firefighters
- ✓ AFSCME Local 64 - Romulus School Employees
- ✓ Plumbers Union Local 98
- ✓ 15th District Democratic Org.
- ✓ Romulus Democratic Club
- ✓ Associated Newspapers
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- ✓ Mayor Dan Paletko, City of Dearborn Heights
- ✓ Linda R. Choate, City Clerk, City of Romulus
- ✓ Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro-Tem - Romulus City Council
- ✓ John Barden, Romulus City Council
- ✓ LeRoy Burcroff, Romulus City Council
- ✓ Ellen Craig-Bragg, Romulus City Council
- ✓ William Crova, Romulus City Council
- ✓ William Wadsworth, Romulus City Council
- ✓ Cheryle Buckley, Romulus School Board
- ✓ Rob McLachlan, Romulus School Board
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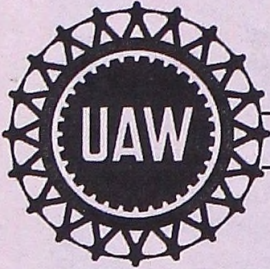
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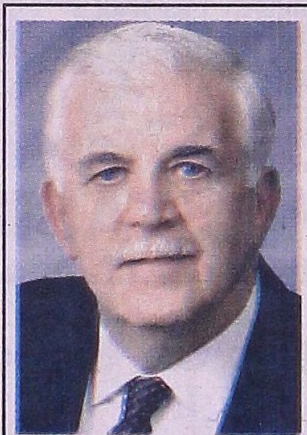
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October 16, 2009

Dear Mayor Lambert,

UAW Region 1A is proud to endorse your candidacy and also the following candidates:

Alan Lambert – Mayor

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LeRoy Burcroff – City Council

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Eva Webb – City Council

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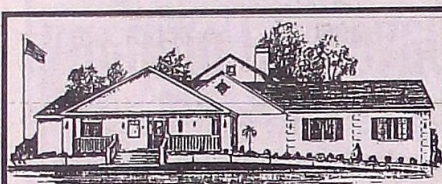
Linda Choate – City Council

William Crova – City Council

On behalf of all our active and retired members in Region 1A, we wish all of you the best of luck on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009. As always, thank you for your continued support!

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*By Rufus Gaston, Social Security Public Affairs
Specialist in Metropolitan Detroit*

It's that time of year again — when people in many parts of the country feel a new chill in the air each morning, and put an extra quilt or blanket on the bed.

It's also the time of year when many states offer energy assistance to people who have low income and resources. Under the energy assistance program, your state may help with the cost of heating your home during the winter. But to get it, in most cases, you'll need to provide proof of your income. If you get Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, you can get proof of the amount of your benefit quickly and easily by going online. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

There are a number of reasons you may need written verification of your benefit amount, besides energy assistance programs. Perhaps you're ready to make a major purchase and you're trying to get a loan from a bank or financial institution. Or maybe you're applying for state benefits or moving into a new apartment or home.

Whatever your reason, Social Security makes it easy for you to get the written verification you need at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just look in the left column under "What you can do online," expand the "If you get benefits" section, and select the "Request a Proof of Income letter" link.

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that someone requires proof of your income. In addition to offering proof of your income, the letter is an official document that verifies your Medicare coverage, retirement or disability status, and age.

The letter does not include your Social Security number.

From the time that you complete the online request, it will take about 10 days for you to receive the proof of income letter in the mail. If you need one sooner, you'll want to call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local Social Security office.

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**Romulus Recreation's Annual
Sweetest Day Dance Draws 300+**



The annual Daddy-Daughter Sweetest Day Dance — hosted by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation on October 14 — drew more than 300 family couples/groups to Romulus High School's cafeteria. This event, along with its Mother-Son counterpart around Valentine's Day, is always among the most popular of the year. Photo by R. E. Kadam

Questionnaire Elicits Candidates' Views

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QUESTION #1 (top priority)

My number one priority is the safe handling of our City's assets. Auditors have identified "significant deficiencies" with regard to current cash handling policies and procedures. Upon my election, I would immediately take action to enact policies and procedures that will bring the Treasurers' Office in full compliance with the "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" cited in the audit report. Such actions would include cross training of staff, and placing checks and balances in the entire cash handling/receipting/banking process.

The safe handling of our City's assets is important because it is essential that all accepted accounting practices and recommendations are fully instituted to ensure our money and assets are kept safe.

QUESTION #2 (improving services)

I believe that customer service needs significant improvement within the Treasurer's Office. I would like to bring access and availability of the Treasurers' Office online, so residents can research and pay their taxes via the Internet. These changes would have very little impact on the budget. It would be my goal that either the Deputy Treasurer or I would be available during all office hours. I would also work to increase residents' awareness of the resources avail-

able to them, such as referrals for assistance with taxes, mortgage foreclosure, etc.

QUESTION #3 (role in promoting fiscal responsibility)

It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to receive the funds for the City, School, County, and State from our taxpayers, and then remit those funds to the appropriate taxing jurisdiction in a timely manner. Funds can be invested/leveraged wisely, in accordance with State law, to maximize the return for the City. At the time prescribed by law, the funds are then transferred to the individual taxing jurisdictions. Maintaining a proper flow of funds saves each entity from having to borrow funds against anticipated tax revenues.

QUESTION #4 (best person for the job)

I bring a high level of enthusiasm and professionalism to the office. My door will always be open to listen to residents' needs. I take the residents' trust in me very seriously, and will work diligently to maintain that level of trust. I will work closely with the Administration and City Council to ensure that your interests are protected. I will remain an active participant in our community. I look forward to using the resources available to bring forth new ideas and programs that will improve the City makeup so that it better serves our community. □

Soldier Dedicates Award to Mom



When Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Carmelita Williams received an award for braving gunfire to rescue an American flag from a plane that was about to fall into enemy hands, she dedicated it to her mother, Romulus resident Carmelita Brown (pictured above). Williams, who said her mother gave her the courage to complete her mission, saw action overseas with the 373rd Task Force as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, but is now stationed in Florida.

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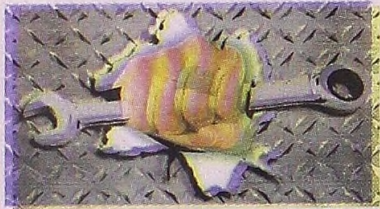
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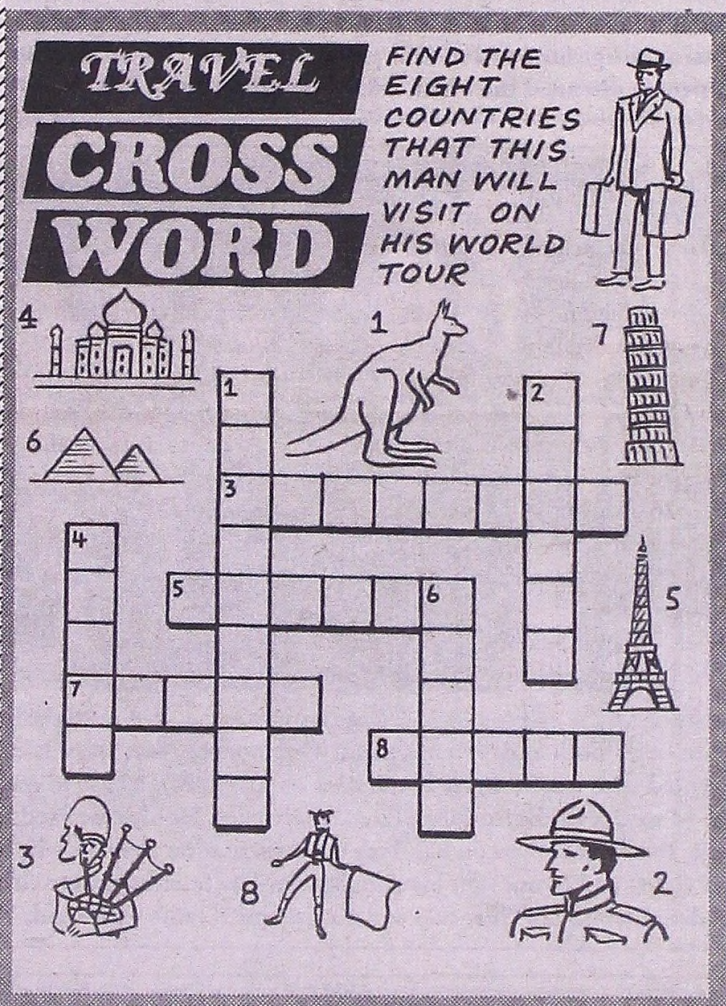
Current and former firefighters who attended the Romulus Firefighters Ball, held at the Romulus Progressive Hall on October 17, included (from left) Captain Garland "Dusty" Sperry, Mike Gubacci, Tim Rhoton, Lieutenant Michael Wojtylko, Lieutenant Scott Ladach, Lieutenant John Thiede, Fire Chief David Allison, retired Battalion Chief Jerry Ladach, retired Lieutenant Darrell Dufore, Captain George Simko, and (not pictured) Captain James "Bubba" Poet. About 185 people attended the event, which raised \$3,000 for the local Goodfellows.



Highlights of the evening included recognition of various firefighters for reaching service milestones and/or retirement. One honoree was Jerry Ladach, who was presented with a solid brass fire helmet on an engraved base to recognize his 36 years of service to the Romulus Fire Department. He also received his retirement badge. Family members on hand for the presentation were his wife Sylvia (fourth from right) and (from left) his daughter-in-law Jessica and son Scott, son Mike and daughter-in-law Sue, and son Kevin and Kevin's girlfriend, Katie Hale.



Besides Ladach (left), Fire Chief Allison (center) also honored (from left) Simko, Dufore, Sperry, and (not pictured) Poet for 25 years of service. Captains Simko, Sperry, and Poet each received a captain's desk clock; Lieutenant Dufore was presented with his retirement badge. All received City Council resolutions acknowledging their years of dedicated service. *Photos by R. E. Kadan*



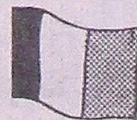
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1. A shadow or spirit.
OTGSH
2. A mischievous elf or gremlin.
ONIGLB
3. The art of causing illusions.
ACIMG
4. A large kettle or boiler.
ALDOURCN
5. A domestic carnivore.
ATC
6. A woman who practices magic.
TIWCH
7. An implement for sweeping.
BORMO
8. A reddish-yellow citrus fruit.
ERGONA
9. Any action supposed to have magical power.
AMHRC
10. A day or time of religious or other celebration.
EIVELTAS



Answers to Halloween Scramble

1. Ghost
2. Goblin
3. Magic
4. Cauldron
5. Cat
6. Witch
7. Broom
8. Orange
9. Charm
10. Festival

Famous October Birthdays

- Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the U.S.
- Noah Webster, the American educator who compiled *Webster's Dictionary*.
- Alfred Nobel, the Swedish chemist who founded the Nobel Prize and also invented dynamite.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, the American editor who wrote *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.
- Johnny Carson, former host of *The Tonight Show*.
- Juliette Low, the woman who founded the Girl Scouts of America.
- Susan Sarandon, American movie star.
- Penny Marshall, multi-talented TV actress and movie director.
- Groucho Marx, one of the zany Marx brothers.
- Bruce Springsteen, popular rock musician.

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Flu Shots

Come to the Romulus Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 27 to get your flu shot! Bring your photo ID and Medicare card for a free inoculation; those without insurance will pay \$7.

Call or stop in to sign up.

"Sock It To Me"

The Senior Center is collecting gloves, hats, and socks – any size, color, and style – for donation to human services organizations. Donations may be dropped off at the Center during regular business hours through November.

Upcoming Holiday Programs

The Romulus Senior Center is already planning its holiday trips. Travel to Cornwall's Dinner Theatre in Turkeyville to see "Grandma Cancels Christmas" on November 8th (lunch included in the \$38 ticket price), or enjoy a lighted parade in downtown Northville on November 20 (dinner and a play included in the \$25 ticket price). Preregistration is required.

Lunch Out

The Center's next "lunch out" destinations will be the Cracker Barrel on Monday, October 26. The bus will depart at 11 a.m. Transportation is free.

Advance registration is required.

Shopping Trips

The Romulus Senior Center bus travels to area shopping destinations like Meijer and Kmart on the first three Mondays of each month (except holidays).

Transportation is free. Space is limited; preregister at least 24 hours in advance.

Regular Programs

Contact the Senior Center for more information on these free or low-cost weekly programs, including:

- bingo (Mondays, 1 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- crochet classes (Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- painting (Fridays, 11 a.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 11 a.m., at the Romulus Athletic Center).

Volunteers Needed

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help pack food for its Meals on Wheels program. Hours of operation are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m.

Get The Communicator

The Romulus Senior Center's newsletter, *The Communicator*, is chock-full of information about special events, trips, and support services. To receive a copy in your mailbox each month, free of charge, call the Center.

Taylor

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Flu Shots

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available *by appointment only* at the Taylor Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, October 26. (Note: Vaccine is limited; those without appointments will be turned away at the door.) Bring your photo ID and Medicare card for a free inoculation; those without insurance will pay \$24 for a flu shot and \$40 for the pneumonia shot.

Call or stop in to sign up.

Halloween Birthday Bash

If you were born in October, and are 55 or older, dress up in your favorite costume and come out to the Center's Halloween Birthday Bash, set for Thursday, October 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Cake, ice cream, and karaoke will be among the attractions.

There's no charge to attend; simply preregister by Monday, October 26.

No children, please.

Motor City Casino

If you love to gamble, but hate the hassles of traffic and parking, this trip to Motor City Casino is for you! A chartered bus will depart from the Ford Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, and return at approximately 4 p.m.

Cost is just \$2. Space is limited; sign up early! ☐

"Tea Socials"

Local seniors are invited to come to the Center each Wednesday at 1 p.m. for board games, cards, or just to socialize.

New faces are welcome!

Watercolor Workshops

A drop-in Watercolor Workshop is held at the Center each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost per class is \$7 plus supplies (bring your own or pay an extra \$1.50).

Learn One-stroke Painting

Jan Berry's next one-stroke painting classes – offered at the Ford Senior Center every other Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. – will feature a "landscapes" theme.

Cost is \$15 per class. Call the Center for more information.

Breakfast #1

Enjoy a free continental breakfast, courtesy of American House, at 9 a.m. on the third Friday of each month.

Sign up in the office at least one week ahead if you plan to attend.

Beat the Autumn Chill with Hot Meals

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch weekdays (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. The remainder of this month's menu features dishes like French dip, seafood salad, BBQ pulled pork, meatloaf, and chili.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

Check Your Blood Pressure

The Ford Senior Center has tentatively scheduled a free blood-pressure check from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on October 29. ☐

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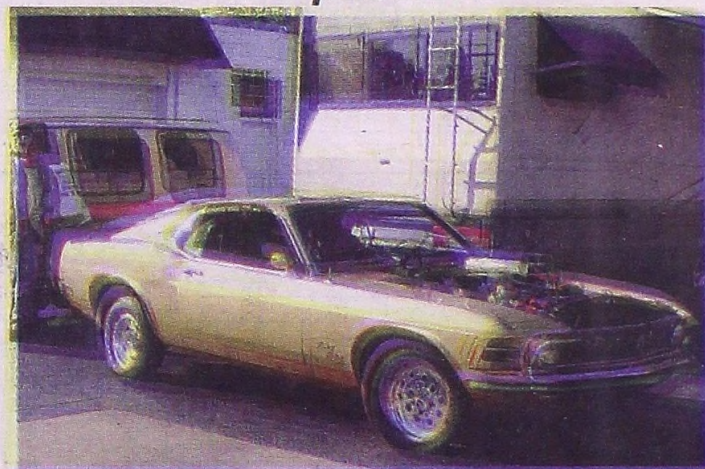
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Around Romulus Schools



Attending a program honoring Michigan Teacher of the Year finalist Lewis Smith III (fourth from left) of Barth Elementary School were (from left) Principal Diane Golka, Superintendent Carl Weiss, MEEMIC representative Brad Brochue, Sylvia LaBoda, Sarah Rollins, Board of Education member Ken Mientkiewicz, Shila Brim, Maria Alavarez, Gerilynn Baty, Julie Wadsworth, Kimber Whalen, Sam Bonam, Scott Jastrzab, PTC/PTO member Theresa Beard, and Judy Frederick. MEEMIC presented Smith with a beautiful plaque and a \$500 check for the school. *Photo by R. E. Kadam*



Romulus Middle School students who took part in a summer Youth Alcohol Intervention Program invited the community to "screen" a movie they made about the program. Pictured at the event (in no particular order) are Phyllis Adkins (RMS principal), Christopher Parker (RMS assistant principal), Betty Santo (prevention specialist), Mark Edwards (media production), Steven Grunick (media production coordinator), Molly McGlynn (media production manager), Dandra Theis (production design), Pavier Lee, Naya Henderson, Alexiah Mullins, Rashid Siddiqui, Alyx Johnson, Gabrielle Miller, Ramon Barber, Kate Orr, Will Bonam, Pierre Lee, Madison Bonam, Quandral Thompson, Alexis Paige, Amir Butler, Bianca Buckley, Rabia Sheik, Misty Briscoe, Breanna Wade, Naomi Martin, and Michael Swain. *Photo by R. E. Kadam*



Among many students, parents, staff, and community members who took part in a volunteer cleanup program at Cory Elementary on October 10 were: (from left) front – Devon Harris, William Graves, and Shamon Anderson; back – Councilman John Barden, Janice Barden, Miyona Barden-Clark, teacher Alicia Haidar, and AmeriCorps VISTA member Kevin Mizzi. The event was part of a LEAGUE community-service project.

Atlas Park Makes Debut in Taylor

The City of Taylor is now home to another great park.

Hundreds of residents, school children, and city officials joined leaders and employees of Atlas Oil Company for the debut of Atlas Park, a three-quarter-acre plot located across the street from the oil company on Ecorse Road, just west of Telegraph Road.

The neighborhood park was named for Taylor-based Atlas Oil. Sam Simon, owner and CEO of Atlas, contributed \$100,000 to the City from a variety of sources, including his own company. Simon and his team helped design the park, and Atlas was given naming rights to the facility.

Simon and his employees believe it is important to give back to the community.

"Taylor is a great city, and is getting better every day," he said. "We're glad to help; we're glad to do it. It's nice to see something that families will enjoy."

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe praised Simon's devotion to the city and the company's willingness to make a difference in the community.

"Sam Simon and Atlas Oil have demonstrated tremendous leadership, vision, and generosity," Mayor Priebe said. "Their community pride and drive to do the right thing is outstanding. God bless you, God bless Atlas Oil, and God bless Sam Simon."

Mayor Priebe said the park was significant for several other reasons:

- Parks are important to the quality of life in Taylor. The new Atlas Park provides needed green space as well as recreation opportunities.
- The new park is a wonderful re-use of property that, only several months ago, housed an abandoned building.

- Atlas Park is an outstanding example of public-private partnership – something vastly needed in today's economic times.

From Abandoned to Awesome

To improve the aesthetics of the property containing the vacant building, the City demolished the building, ensured that the land was environmentally clean, and planted trees.

As City officials explored the possibilities, Atlas Oil CEO Sam Simon presented his vision of transforming the property into a beautiful, peaceful place to be enjoyed by residents and their families. Atlas agreed to the public-private partnership.

The fenced-in park includes a playscape, walking path, picnic tables, trees, and flowers. Benches and other equipment will be added within the month. Bradford Pear trees line Ecorse Road. Autumn Blaze trees are planted inside the park.

The Atlas Cares Team of Atlas Oil employees will be responsible for planting the flower beds by the Atlas Park signs. The City of Taylor Department of Golf, Parks and Recreation will maintain the park.

Mayor Priebe praised the Parks and Recreation staff, and thanked the City Council and members of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, who approved the park and contributed additional finances to its creation.

The Mayor feels that Atlas Park fits in well with the City of Taylor's outstanding parks system. He invited families to visit the new park, which can be used by everyone from children to senior citizens. In fact, the William D. Ford Senior Activity Center is located just a few blocks west of the new park. □



Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (right) thanked Atlas Oil Company owner/CEO Sam Simon for working with the City to build Atlas Park. Students from Holland Elementary School, who attended the park's opening, enjoyed the new playscape and swings.

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